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Government immediately start gruel centres in Penukonda, Kadiri and Dharmavaram taluks also and have some more relief works there? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Sanction has already been given and the local officers will decide the question."

SRI C. SUBBARAYUDU :—" May I know the number of people that are employed in all the works in all the taluks? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Why not I have notice, Sir? "

SRI D. SEETHARAMIAH :—" May I know when the Government will open gruel centres in Dharmavaram and Penukonda taluks? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I have already said that the Collector will take care of the matter."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" The point is what action the Government have taken on the representations made by the public and the M.L.As. in January and February, how long they will take to consider the report that is to be received from the District Collector and how long after that they will take to open gruel centres in Dharmavaram and Penukonda."

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I have already said that the matter is entirely left to the Collector, sanction having been given. Now a report is awaited with regard to remission of kist."

Memorandum from the Jaggery Production Co-operative Society, Cherukunnu, North Malabar.

* 263-D *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Rural Welfare be pleased to state whether the Government have received any memorandum or resolution from the Jaggery Production Co-operative Society, Cherukunnu, North Malabar, recently regarding the exemption from sales tax on sales effected by the society and if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" No representation has been received by the Government from the Jaggery Production Co-operative Society, Cherukunnu, regarding exemption from sales tax of the sales effected by the society."

Memorandum from the villagers of Sakhamur, Guntur district.

* 263-E *Q.*—SRI V. SRI KRISHNA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any memorandum from the villagers Sakhamur, Tadikonda firka, Guntur district in the month of November 1952 regarding the assignment of a tank to political sufferers belonging to another taluk;

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(*b*) whether it is a fact that in the year 1911 the Harijans of the village and in the years 1942–49 some ex-army personnel were applicants for the same tank;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that these applications were rejected;

(*d*) if so, on what grounds;

(*e*) whether the village officers of the surrounding villages submitted a memorandum to the Chief Minister on this issue; and

(*f*) what action the Government have taken on these memoranda?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) *to* (*d*) Information is not readily available at this distance of time.

" (*e*) No, Sir.

" (*f*) The assignments had been finalised and completed over two years ago and nothing can legally be done now.

The petition received from the villagers of Sakhamur was, therefore, rejected."

SRI V. SRI KRISHNA :—" In view of the fact that the Government received the memorandum a long time back, why is it that they are not in a position to get the information up to this moment? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Sir, that is with reference to only one particular class. Some details were wanted then. But now it is more than two years and these small details could not be got readily."

Representations from the Inferior Servants' Association.

* 263-F *Q.*—SRI G. RAMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Inferior Servants' Association in the State represented to the Government to increase their salaries and allowances; and

(*b*) if so, what action the Government have taken in the matter?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM—" (*a*) Yes; a copy of the resolutions passed at the IV Annual Conference of the Association was received by the Government.

" (*b*) The requests of the Association for increase in pay, dearness allowance, house rent allowance, etc., were examined by Government. It was considered that the grant of the requests would involve large extra expenditure to the Government which could not be undertaken in view of the present difficult financial position. The President of the Association has accordingly been informed that the Government are unable to comply with the requests at present."